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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Any rejection and/or objections, made in the previous Office Action, and not repeated below, are hereby withdrawn.

The text of those sections of Title 35 U.S. Code not included in the this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claims 1 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims must be complete by themselves. Incorporation by reference to a specific figure is not proper. See MPEP § 2173.05(s).

3. Claims 1, 17, and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear as to what kind of ethnicity the term "half-caste" refers to; furthermore, the specification does not define this term.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. Claims 1, 9-13, 16-23, 26, 29-30, 32-34, 36-37, 39-45, 47, 49, and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable by WO 00/75240 to Simon.

For convenience, references have been made to pages and lines of the translation of WO 00/75240 document (as attached).

5. Regarding claims 1 and 17, Simon teach an interferential pigment with a multilayer structure and a composition, specifically a cosmetic one, containing said pigment (page 2, lines 1-3), wherein said composition naturally masks the imperfections of the skin or of keratinic fibers (hair, eyelashes, eyebrows), in human being in which the type of skin involved may be the Caucasian, light brown, dark brown, or Asian (page 2, lines 20-21; page 4, lines 1-2). Furthermore, said pigment is characterized by the fact that the multilayer structure has a spectral reflectance corresponding to a predetermined type of skin or materials, specifically keratinic fibers for at least part of the visible spectrum or even the totality of the visible spectrum; preferably, the spectral reflectance of the multilayer structure deviates, for the considered part of the visible spectrum, no more than +/- 10% from the reference spectral reflectance (page 3, lines 18-22; page 4, 21-24; page 5, lines 3-5). It is noted that Simon discloses that the assumption regarding the visible spectrum is that it includes all wavelengths between 400 nm and 700 nm (page 9, lines 9-11). In addition, in Fig. 2 (page 26), Simon discloses that the layers of high and low reflective indices are totally covering one another; the top layer covering the underlying layer (page 7, lines 13-14; page 16).

6. Regarding claims 9-12, 19, 23-25, and 26, Simon discloses that the spectral reflectance of the multilayer structure of the pigment, for the visible spectrum which

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includes wavelengths between 400 nm and 700 nm, is no more than “+/- 10%” from the reference spectral reflectance (page 4, lines 21-24; page 9, lines 9-11); therefore, it reads on the limitation of claims 10 and 12 which claim a spectral reflectance of not more than about 2% and not more than about 5%.

7. Regarding claims 13 and 22, Simon discloses that the multilayer structure pigment has a roughly constant clarity parameter L* for incidences below 45 degree (page 5, lines 15-22; page 18, lines 14-16).

8. Regarding claim 16, Simon discloses that the reference spectral reflectance is Caucasian skin (page 4, lines 1-2; page 9, lines 1-2). It should be noted that Simon discloses that said pigment may be used to make a customized cosmetic composition that is perfectly adapted to the color of the skin or keratinic fibers or the user (page 8, lines 8-10). Additionally, Simon discloses that the keratinic fibers may be blond, brown, or red (page 4, lines 3-4).

9. Regarding claim 18, Simon discloses that the multilayer structure pigment is substantially non-goniochromatic (page 5, lines 15-17).

10. Regarding claims 20-21, Simon discloses a composition containing said multilayer structure pigment which offers a spectral reflectance that is close to the reference spectral reflectance corresponding to a predetermined skin type, for the

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totality of the visible spectrum; the disclosed composition makes it possible to customized cosmetic composition that is preferably adapted to the color of the skin or keratinic fibers of the user which is the desired end result for the cosmetic product (page 4, lines 16-20; page 8, lines 8-10).

11. Regarding claims 41-44, Simon discloses that the keratinous material is a half-caste skin (Fig. 1; page 4, lines 1-2; page 9, lines 1-2).

12. Regarding claims 45-48, Simon discloses that said composition when applied on the skin yields a foundation whose spectral reflectance approaches that of a the subject's skin or differs from it in a predetermined fashion in order to attenuate a given color hue, for example, yellow (page 9, lines 14-17). Furthermore, in general, using the said composition containing said pigment, it is possible to customize cosmetic foundation that is preferably adapted to the color of the skin or keratinic fibers of the user (page 8, lines 8-10). Furthermore, Simon discloses that the spectral reflectance of the multilayer structure of the pigment, for the visible spectrum which includes wavelengths between 400 nm and 700 nm, is no more than “+/- 10%” from the reference spectral reflectance (page 4, lines 21-24; page 9, lines 9-11); therefore, it reads on the limitation of claims 10 and 12 which claim a spectral reflectance of not more than about 2% and not more than about 5%.

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13. Regarding claims 29, 30-32, 49-52, Simon discloses measuring, for at least part of the visible spectrum, the spectral reflectance of the skin or keratinic fibers of the subject for whom the composition is intended (page 8, lines 1-8). The interference pigment is used in cosmetic composition for the manufacture of a physiologically-acceptable composition for dissimulating imperfections, such as broken blood vessels, spots, blackheads, wrinkles, and lines, in skin and keratinic fibers, such as hair, for example, grey hair (page 4, lines 5-15); moreover, the interference pigment is multilayered with alternating layers of high and low refractive index materials (page 7). Additionally, the spectral reflectance of the multilayer structure differs, for the considered part of the visible spectrum, which is taken to be between 400 nm to 700 nm, no more than “+/- 10%” from the reference spectral reflectance (page 4, lines 20-24). When the foundation containing said composition containing said pigment is applied on the subject's skin, attenuation of a given color hue such as yellow may be caused (page 9, lines 9-11). Said composition contains a physiologically acceptable medium as well (page 6, line 16). The type of skin onto which this composition is used may be Caucasian, light brown, dark brown, or Asian (page 4, lines 1-2). In addition, the reference spectral reflectance may have, for at least certain wavelength values, a reflectance selected to attenuate a chromatic dominant of the considered skin type, for example yellow (page 5, lines 11-13).

It is noted that it is inherent for the process of using the composition containing said pigment to be applied onto the skin in order to be able to cause a specific attenuation or to be able to measure the spectral reflectance.

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14. Regarding claim 33-38, Simon teaches a method for manufacturing a cosmetics composition incorporating multilayer structure pigment (page 7, lines 21-23) in which the spectral reflectance of the multilayer structure differs, for the considered part of the visible spectrum, which is taken to be between 400 nm to 700 nm, no more than "+/- 10%" from the reference spectral reflectance (page 4, lines 20-24). In addition, in Fig. 2 (page 26), Simon discloses that the layers of high and low reflective indices are totally covering one another; the top layer covering the underlying layer (page 7, lines 13-14; page 16).

15. Regarding claim 39, Simon discloses the spectral reflectance being different by not more than 10% from the reference; therefore, the reference inherently applies that said composition in a cosmetic product has not only been applied to a person's skin who was intended to receive the cosmetic product but also to a person who is different from the one who was intended to receive it.

16. Regarding claim 40, Simon discloses that said composition is applied on the skin of the of the person who is intended to receive it (page 8, lines 1-3), and that the composition can be customized to adapt the color of the skin or keratinic fibers of the user (page 8, lines 8-10).

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17. Claims 2-3, 8, and 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simon in view of US Patent No. 5,082,660 to Qunaian et al.

18. Regarding claims 2-3, 8, and 14-15, Simon et al. disclose a multilayer structure pigment used in a composition used in cosmetic such as foundation in which the spectral reflectance of the composition compared to a reference spectral reflectance differs by not more than 10% in lights reflected in the visible spectrum, from 400 nm to 700 nm as described in detail above. Simon, also, discloses that the largest dimension of the pigment ranges from 10 μm to 50 μm (page 6, lines 4-5). Moreover, Simon teaches that that the multilayer structure may be symmetrical (page 5, lines 21-22).

However, Simon does not disclose any particular shape for the pigment particles; the reference does not disclose that the particles are in spherical or globular shapes.

Qunaian et al. teach invisible foundation composition with spherical shape used in foundation composition.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, to modify Simon et al. in order to include the particle shape, spherical shape, as that taught by Qunanian et al. motivated by the fact that Qunanian et al., also drawn to foundation composition, teach the use of spherical shaped particles in foundation composition to hide the skin defects such as line (column 2, lines 60-65; column 3, lines 35-38).

19. Claims 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simon in view of US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0035883 to Nishikata et al.

20. Regarding claims 4-5, Simon teaches a multilayer structure pigment used in a composition used in cosmetic such as foundation in which the spectral reflectance of the composition compared to a reference spectral reflectance differs by not more than 10% in lights reflected in the visible spectrum, from 400 nm to 700 nm as described in detail above. Simon, also, discloses that the largest dimension of the pigment ranges from 10 µm to 50 µm (page 6, lines 4-5). Moreover, Simon teaches that that the multilayer structure may be symmetrical (page 5, lines 21-22). Furthermore, the pigment used in said composition is coated with alternating layers of low and high refractive index (page 7, lines 13-16).

Simon does not disclose the shape of the substrate.

Nishikata et al. disclose a coated powder used in cosmetics, which has cores of spherical shape.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify Simon in order to include the spherical shape cores as taught by Nishikata et al. motivated by the fact that Nishikata et al, also drawn to coated powders used in cosmetics formulations, disclose that spherical shape cores allow light to diffuse and transmit uniformly ([0001], [0008], [0009], [0015]).

21. Claims 4 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simon in view of US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0147820 to Bertiaux et al.

22. Regarding claim 7, Simon teaches a multilayer structure pigment used in a composition used in cosmetic such as foundation in which the spectral reflectance of the composition compared to a reference spectral reflectance differs by not more than 10% in lights reflected in the visible spectrum, from 400 nm to 700 nm as described in detail above. Simon, also, discloses that the largest dimension of the pigment ranges from 10 µm to 50 µm (page 6, lines 4-5). Moreover, Simon teaches that that the multilayer structure may be symmetrical (page 5, lines 21-22). Furthermore, the pigment used in said composition is coated with alternating layers of low and high refractive index (page 7, lines 13-16).

Simon does not teach particles of cores of spherical shape made of glass.

Bertiaux et al. teach pearlescent pigment based on spherical shape substrate made of glass used in cosmetic formulations ([0001], [0016]).

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify Simon in order to include spherical shape substrate made of glass as that taught by Bertiaux et al. motivated by the fact Bertiaux et al., also drawn to cosmetic formulations, disclose pearlescent pigment that are partially transparent ([0001]-[0002], [0016]).

23. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simon in view of Nishikata et al. as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of US Patent No. 5,635,574 to Aoyagi et al.

24. Regarding claim 4, Simon teaches a multilayer structure pigment used in a composition used in cosmetic such as foundation in which the spectral reflectance of the composition compared to a reference spectral reflectance differs by not more than 10% in lights reflected in the visible spectrum, from 400 nm to 700 nm as described in detail above. Simon, also, discloses that the largest dimension of the pigment ranges from 10 μm to 50 μm (page 6, lines 4-5). Moreover, Simon teaches that the multilayer structure may be symmetrical (page 5, lines 21-22). Furthermore, the pigment used in said composition is coated with alternating layers of low and high refractive index (page 7, lines 13-16). Simon in view of Nishikata et al. disclose spherical shape cores of the pigment particles.

The prior art do not disclose that the substrate of said pigment comprises a microsphere.

Aoyagi et al. disclose microshperes which if made strong and of uniform size, in cosmetic articles.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art in order to combined Simon in view of Nishikata et al. as well as Aoyagi et al. in order to include the microsphere in said pigment motivated by the fact that Aoyagi et al., also drawn to

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cosmetic articles, disclose that such microspheres used in cosmetic have high adsorbent affinity and that are fully satisfactory in cosmetic articles (column 5, lines 1-14).

Response to Amendment

25. Applicant's amendment to the Specification, the term "colour", in pages 2-4, filed on April 2, 2007 is acknowledged. As such the objection to the Specification regarding the spelling of this term set forth in the First Office Action is withdrawn.

26. Applicant's amendment to claim 8, regarding the term "centre", in page 6, filed on April 2, 2007 is acknowledged. As such the objection to claim 8 with regards to the spelling of said term set forth in First Office Action is withdrawn.

27. Applicant's amendment to claim 29, with regards to the following informality "...is claim 17...", in page 9, filed on April 2, 2007 is acknowledged. As such the objection to said claim as set forth in First Office Action is withdrawn.

28. Applicant's amendment to claims 1, 17, and 33, regarding the use of terms "substantially" and "totally" consecutively, pages 6-7 and 10, filed on April 2, 2007 is acknowledged. As such the rejection to said claims as set forth in the First Office Action is withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

29. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-40 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

30. However, it is noted that applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers unless a translation of said papers would be made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. See MPEP § 201.15.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pegah Parvini whose telephone number is 571-272-2639. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on 571-272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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